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JAIL TIME FOR TICKET SCALPER

San Diego City Attorney's Office Prosecutes Los Angeles Resident

WHAT: Ticket scalpers do go to jail and do pay fines. Los Angeles resident Raymond N. Kosschuk was recently convicted by a jury of reselling Chargers tickets for a profit. He will be taken into custody Wednesday morning. The defendant was also sentenced to 3 years probation and \$450 in fines. According to Deputy City Attorney Nooria Faizi, the misdemeanor crime occurred on the south curblane of 7600 Friars Road on November 17, 2002. The defendant was holding a sign that read "I need tickets." A San Diego police undercover detective approached the defendant. He asked Kosschuk if he had any tickets for sell to the 49ers and Chargers game at Qualcomm Stadium. The defendant responded yes and wanted \$150.00 per ticket. After the transaction was completed Kosschuk was arrested. The face value of the tickets were each \$59.00. Other City Attorney illegal ticket sale cases: 5 Super Bowl cases have been filed; 6 Super Bowl cases are under review; and 1 Raider-Chargers case is scheduled for trial with a bench warrant issued for the defendant. SD Municipal Code 57.14(b) (a) prohibits the unauthorized sale or resale for profit of admission tickets to places of public amusement or entertainment including, but not limited to, stadiums, auditoriums, theatres and arenas, and (b) no person shall sell, or resell for profit or offer to sell or resell for profit any tickets of admission to a place of assemblage or in or upon any public street, sidewalk, park or other public place, or in or upon any place which is open to the public, except as otherwise provided herein.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: San Diego Superior Court, Judge Robert Coates, Department 45
220 Broadway, Downtown San Diego

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